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Gender-neutral housing support surveyed

SG, BGLSA poll students; USC says it hasn't made plans

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Do you think USC should have gender-neutral housing? Student Government and USC's BGLSA group want to know. The two groups are conducting a joint survey to see what students think of gender-neutral dorms and bathrooms, which supporters say would make the campus safer and more welcoming to gay and transgender students.

"We're asked for gender, male or female, and several very important decisions are made based on that — who your roommates can be and what your living environment's going to be — and there's a lot of students who don't feel comfortable with that choice," said Brandon White, Student Government's secretary of organizational outreach. "People cannot learn if they do not like where they're living." White, who doubles as BGLSA's chair of advocacy initiatives, said he hopes to take the results to student senate, the house of delegates and the Residence Hall Association next semester in hopes of gaining their endorsements.

But a gender-neutral plan would need top university administrators' approval, said Kirsten Kennedy, director of University Housing. In theory, the survey could be USC's first step toward designating some suites or halls as gender-neutral, meaning students' gender and sex wouldn't be considered in their room assignments. In practice, however, gender-neutral housing doesn't look to be coming to USC any time soon. University spokesman Wes Hickman said in an email that USC has no plans to add gender-neutral rooms. The university gets between one and three requests for special accommodations

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Photography show brings visitors to McMaster Gallery

Students showcase work; Chicago professor speaks

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For Christina Smith, a fourth-year studio art student, and Julia Bennett, a third-year marine science student, winning the Pop-Up Show meant more than an award. It meant furthering their passions for photography. "[The experience] was new for a lot of us," said Smith, the first place winner. Meg Griffins, a photography professor at USC, said students came together and decided to put on the Pop-Up Show and frame all of their own photographs. Griffins helped students organize the event. In conjunction with the USC Photography Festival, the Pop-Up Show featured 26 pieces of student artwork. Dennis Kiel took on the task of judging the photographs and chose the first-, second- and third-place winners. "It wasn't easy to narrow it down; it was some great work," Kiel said. Bennett, who won second place, said that upon arriving at the university, she didn't know that the photography department existed and now calls her professors her mentors.

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Holiday-themed fair takes Main



The sounds of holiday music mingled with the smells of local food vendors along Main Street at last night's First Thursday celebration. Red, green and white lights set the stage for vendors and shoppers searching for artsy gifts or simply wandering with friends at the latest installment of the monthly arts celebration. Also among the First Thursday revelers were ice skaters at the Boyd Plaza skating rink outside the Columbia Museum of Art. For S&S Art Supply on the 1600 block of Main Street, Thursday night was one of its last chances to welcome the public before it closes later this month. Eight local artists' works were on display above their near-empty shelves, and the Plowboys played outside the storefront. The store — which sold half of its remaining merchandise to a single buyer earlier in the day, owner Eric Stockard said — has hosted local artists at First Thursdays every month since its move to Main Street in June 2011. First Thursdays on Main was started in 2009 by Frame of Mind owner Mark Plessinger, who began hosting monthly art shows at his specialty eyewear store. The event has since grown to a three-block community party showcasing local arts.

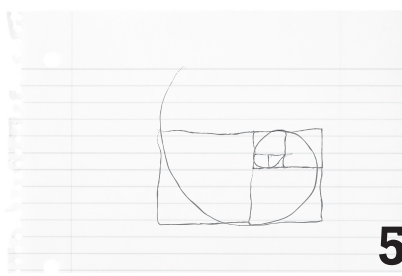


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Outage takes out Internet, phones

USC experienced outages in telephone and Internet service Thursday afternoon because of a break in service at the university's offices at 1600 Hampton St. As of 4 p.m., university technicians were working to solve the issue. UTS did not return a request for further comment. The outage affected various campus-wide systems, including wireless Internet networks and telephone services, according to the UTS website. Those systems were unavailable throughout Thursday afternoon. — Compiled by Hannab Jeffrey, Assistant News Editor

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High-income turnout leads to strong-mayor loss

The rejection of a strong-mayor referendum held Tuesday owes to the combination of heavier turnout in two higher-income City Council districts and large numbers of African-American voters staying home, according to an analysis by The State.

In nine precincts, the strong-mayor measure failed by 100 or more votes. These precincts, which are represented by City Council members Moe Baddourah, Leona Plough or both, provided 1,400 of the 1,629 votes that put “no” voters over the top.

Voter turnout was below 10 percent in 21 precincts, and supporters of the new form of government for Columbia won 17 of the precincts.

According to officials on both sides of the issue, African-American voters didn’t vote because they were not motivated by the issue or they were concerned about offending their neighbors or black leaders, who were also divided on the issue.

— Natalie Pita, Staff Writer

Mandela dies at 95, leaves behind legacy

Nelson Mandela, the first black president of South Africa and an anti-Apartheid activist, has died. He was 95.

“He is now resting. He is now at peace,” South African President Jacob Zuma said following Thursday’s announcement, according to The Associated Press. “Our nation has lost its greatest son. Our people have lost a father.”

Mandela was sentenced to prison in 1964 after being convicted of treason and remained in the Robben Island Prison until 1990.

In 1993, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work, and a year later, he became South Africa’s first black president during the nation’s first free elections.

— Natalie Pita, Staff Writer

Jenny Sanford to run for seat on airport board

Former South Carolina first lady Jenny Sanford is seeking a seat on the board of the Charleston County Aviation Authority, The Associated Press reported.

Sanford is one of seven candidates seeking the position and is joined by five other women, according to The (Charleston) Post and Courier. Jordan Scott Pace, a field representative for Sanford’s ex-husband, U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, is also running for a seat.

The seat opened up after a board member accepted a position on the board of the Medical University of South Carolina. Charleston County’s legislative delegation is expected to decide next week who will fill the open seat.

If Jenny Sanford is picked for the position, she will earn a wage of \$35 per meeting.

— Sarah Martin, Staff Writer



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Visitors look at students’ photographs at Thursday’s Pop-Up Show, which featured photographs from USC students at the McMaster Gallery.

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“This program really inspired me a lot,” Bennett said. “I fell in love with the photography department, and photography is one of the only things that I know how to communicate with.”

Visiting Columbia College Chicago professor and photographer Myra Greene said she would like to reach out more to students and the community with her work. She described her work as conceptually based and said the ideas she comes up with drive her pictures.

“I felt that coming here was a nice opportunity to see what students are doing,” Greene said in her keynote address.

Greene asked the audience about what people see when they look at photographs, saying that her goal is always to recognize the different layers involved.

Jessica Christine Owen, a graduate student photographer, hosted her own show entitled “Amour Propre” at McMaster

Gallery.

“This project is about the difference between where love lies and self-obsession,” Owen said.

This project was a side project of her thesis that dealt with the early Western civilization’s standards of beauty and how they have changed over the past five centuries.

“The idea of the current beauty standards has constantly been a driving factor [in my work] with society’s idea of this is what you have to be; it’s pushed on us in the media,” Owen said.

Over time, Owen was able to open up more about her work’s meaning, and she credited her adviser, who helped her to “cross some lines” and allowed her to “be confident in her own skin.”

“I want to get out to a larger audience and find myself in academic roles, so I can start showing my knowledge and giving it back to the community,” Owen said.

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Puppies relieve stress



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Students on Davis Field de-stressed with dogs Thursday in preparation for next week’s final exam schedule. The event was hosted by Campus Wellness and PAALS.

Campus Wellness, PAALS bring dogs to Davis Field

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Second-year student Hollyn Chantemerle was de-stressing Thursday afternoon, putting aside her classes in favor of puppies.

“I have a dog at home, and I miss him so much,” Chantemerle said. “So this just kind of brings back home and makes me excited to just power through finals and then just get back.”

Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services and Campus Wellness partnered up to bring puppies to students, giving them the opportunity to de-stress before finals.

PAALS works to empower children and adults with physical disabilities and social

needs. Campus Wellness’s program coordinator, Michael Crowley, said that the partnership has provided great benefits to both organizations.

“[The program] really helps students. They said the biggest thing is the homesickness,” Crowley said. “Late in the semester, you’re constantly stressed out from your last wave of papers and exams before you get your final exams, and so that stress kicks into homesickness and one of the biggest things

they miss are their pets.”

The event also provides relief to PAALS therapy dogs. Crowley said that the organization has even had parents that donated towards their organization because of how much it really has helped their children.

“It’s been a great partnership and we all benefit from it,” Crowley said.

The program is expected to start back up in January.

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most years, and it handles them on an case-by-case basis.

Such requests used to only come from upperclassmen, Kennedy said, but more and more freshmen are making them.

Student Government hasn’t endorsed the idea, Student Body President Chase Mizzell said in an email, adding, “We serve as the representatives of the student body.”

“I believe the University is committed to promoting acceptance and equality and will be collaborative in evaluating the merits of each of these ideas,” Mizzell said.

At other schools, the process has been fraught with controversy.

UNC-Chapel Hill’s trustees voted earlier this year to allow gender-neutral dorms on campus, but the UNC system’s board of governors overruled it, banning gender-neutral housing on the UNC system’s 17 campuses.

In the Southeastern Conference, only Vanderbilt offers gender-neutral housing, though others, including Missouri, are considering the idea.

“There other SEC (schools) that are doing it, and they’re not bursting into flames. There are other schools that are considering this,” White said. “This is a time when USC can be a trend-setter.”

The focus of one of the survey’s questions — adding unisex bathrooms — is already happening, Kennedy said.

Housing has so far made 35 single-person bathrooms unisex, and 21 more are on the way. The process began a year and a half ago.

The survey also includes a question about adding “gender identity” to USC’s non-discrimination policy.

“That’s not something that should be debated,” White said.

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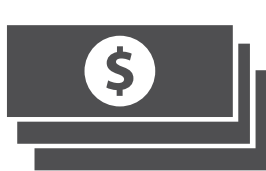


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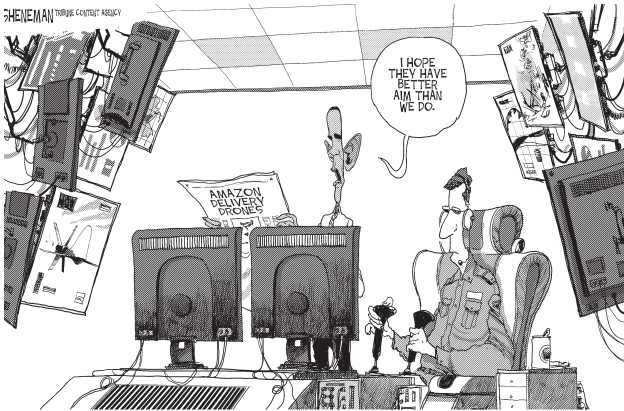
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Gender-neutral survey a big step forward

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Students are being polled on gender-neutral housing.

OUR STANCE

It's a big step forward on a long road ahead.

Finals week is always a brutal reminder just how hard college really is. You've made it this far into the semester, and hopefully, your grades are still intact, but you've got that last stretch of papers and exams before the stress is over. Throw in a job, internship applications and all the rest, and you've got the makings of a difficult time.

For most of us, that stress is eased by our friends and roommates, who we can lean on and who make our apartments and dorms a comfortable respite.

But for many, including transgender students, finding that escape isn't always so easy.

USC's housing policies in many cases require them to live with someone of a gender they don't identify with or someone who might not understand them.

We're glad that USC works with students who ask for special accommodations, but in our opinion, the process they

go through to find a roommate they're comfortable living with shouldn't be harder than the process anyone else follows.

That brings us to a survey being conducted by Student Government and USC's BGLSA group, which asks students what they think of creating gender-neutral housing here. Doing so could make USC a trend-setter — in South Carolina, the Southeastern Conference and the South overall.

We hope USC's students and administrators are ready to make that change. We think it's time.

This isn't a movement to let couples live together or to change the system for the majority of students. Instead, it's

“College is hard enough as it is, but thanks to our friends and peers, most of us are happy to say it's worth it. Let's make sure the same is true for all of our students. Period.”

an attempt to give transgender students a basic comfort most of us take for granted.

Despite the movement, there's still a long road ahead for its advocates. Other schools have tried installing similar specialized housing, including UNC, whose trustees voted in favor their gender-neutral dorms earlier this year. That vote was overturned by the UNC system's board of governors, who banned gender-neutral housing.

USC has an opportunity to step up and show it's a welcoming, inclusive university, so we encourage the administration to give serious consideration to the idea of gender-neutral housing.

It wouldn't affect the day-to-day lives of most students, but for those the change would help, it would make a world of difference. No matter what gender-neutral housing's opponents say, that's what matters most.

College is hard enough as it is, but thanks to our friends and peers, most of us are happy to say it's worth it.

Let's make sure the same is true for all of our students. Period.

Healthy habits help in acing finals week

Cramming, caffeine staples, but unwise

It's the most ominous week of the semester. It's a week characterized by multiple cups (or pots) of coffee, stressful days, sleepless nights and perhaps most notably — a swamped Thomas Cooper Library.

Virtually all students, regardless of major, will face the dreaded finals week standing between them and Christmas vacation. While we all strive to make final exams “just like any other exam,” this task is easier said than done. Many of us need exceptional grades on finals in order to finish classes strong and maintain our GPAs.

But what strategies can be used to optimize studying while keeping our collective stress level to a minimum?

For starters, know what you're getting into if you plan to drink a lot of caffeine. While caffeine is a friend to many throughout the semester, students tend to take consumption up a notch during finals week. In addition to coffee, students often drink Red Bull, Monster or other energy drinks which contain heavy doses of caffeine. According to Christina DeRienzo of the Palmetto Poison Center, students should watch how much caffeine they consume on a daily basis. “Energy drinks contain varying amounts of caffeine, some as much as 400

[milligrams], and can lead to significant side effects with excessive consumption,” she said.

To put this in perspective, a cup of coffee contains anywhere from 200-300 milligrams depending on the brew, and a 12-ounce soda contains roughly 50 milligrams.

While these doses help some stay alert for a longer period of time, there are side effects to be aware of if you plan to consume more than usual. Caffeine can increase blood pressure and heart rate and lead to severe anxiety.

During my organic chemistry final, I had to walk out of the room and return later due to a panic attack I experienced. I am certain this was brought on by the eight cups of coffee I drank the night before, which led to an “all-nighter” at the library and the subsequent anxiety.

Another important part of surviving finals week is knowing the best way to study, and allowing yourself a break.

While it works for some students to push through all material at once, this may cause memory retention issues for others. Changing subjects after a couple of hours is an option.

Also be sure to take time out for yourself each day. Working out at the gym is a great outlet for “hell week.” Additionally, eating consistently and getting adequate sleep is paramount. Many students study in groups for extra support.



Steven Asbill
Fourth-year pharmacy student

for yourself each day. Working out at the gym is a great outlet for “hell week.” Additionally, eating consistently and getting adequate sleep is paramount. Many students study in groups for extra support.

It's really important to plan ahead and start early if you plan to utilize the study rooms at Thomas Cooper. These rooms fill up fast and can have long waiting lists that stretch for several hours.

The second floor of Russell House also offers rooms for student use. These rooms contain whiteboards and have plenty of space for large groups.

If you do study in groups, it may be helpful to have an assigned person to talk through each part of the material. Additionally, choose your group wisely. Sometimes studying with friends can detract from your focus. If your study efforts don't require the use of cell phones or computers, it might be best to leave them at home.

It comes once a semester, and then it's history. Winter break will be here immediately following that last exam. Truth be told, pressuring ourselves and stressing out will not accomplish anything.

Exams are important, but they are not life or death. Things are rarely as bad as they seem.

And remember: In about a week's time, there will be no more exams to sweat over until 2014.

Editor: Memorable moments mark newspaper

Patterson reflects on 4 years of work at The Daily Gamecock

Right now, I'm sitting on the couch in The Daily Gamecock's newsroom. People that I've known for years and people that I've known for only months are sitting around me, discussing today's paper, their classes and how we're going to get the paper done before deadline tonight. I've been complaining for three hours about how I have no idea how to write this column, and I still don't (about that deadline ...).

Trying to sum up three and a half years of this crazy, wonderful experience into a mere 500 words is pretty close to impossible, I think.

There are so many things I could say to show how much this paper means to me, but I have no idea where to start, where to finish or what I could possibly say in between.

There was that time we stayed up all night trying to send the paper until, eventually, I had to leave for my 8 a.m. class.

There was that time my staff turned everything in my office upside down as a prank. That included the desk, which must have weighed a few hundred pounds, and all of the pictures and newspapers hanging on the walls.

There were all those times we went to IHOP to celebrate the last night of production, and tonight, when we'll go to Waffle House because IHOP was knocked down.

There were all the times we put a paper out despite breaking news and uncooperative sources.

The Daily Gamecock has defined my college experience. The newsroom where I've spent countless hours has become a second home. The people I've spent those countless hours with have become my family. And when I graduate in May and do ... something, that will be the thing I miss most: the people.

I've never seen passion and talent in such large quantities as I have in my time at the paper. The people that make the eight to 12 pages you pick up every day (or something like that) are some of the most wonderfully insane human beings I've ever met.

They don't mind staying up until 3 a.m. before an 8 a.m. class just to make sure every Oxford comma is eliminated and all the elements of a page are lined up just right.

They don't mind covering an event while all their friends are in Five Points.

They don't mind my incessant harping on grammar and AP style.

OK, maybe they mind, but they do it anyway.

My staff has worked so hard, and I couldn't possibly complete a farewell column — which, I guess, is supposed to sum up my experience as editor-in-chief — without thanking them for everything they've done.

So thanks, guys. You've been the best staff I could have ever asked for.



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Survive finals week with stress-free tips

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Stop by the Student Success Center. Located on the mezzanine level of the library, the SSC offers many test-taking strategies. From true/false tests to essays, the SSC has the resources to help you conquer your finals. It also offers peer revision of papers. Bring in an essay with questions or concerns, and the trained students will help fix typos and errors to help you turn in your best work.



It is OK to take breaks. A five-minute break for every 20 minutes of studying reduces procrastination and allows the brain to rest and process all the information that's going in. Every hour, take a 10-minute break, get up and walk around. By taking breaks, there is no need to feel cut off from the outside world. If you're simply unable to get off Facebook and Twitter, download the program SelfControl. It blocks you from accessing your favorite websites for however long it's told to, allowing you the freedom to study for that English test.



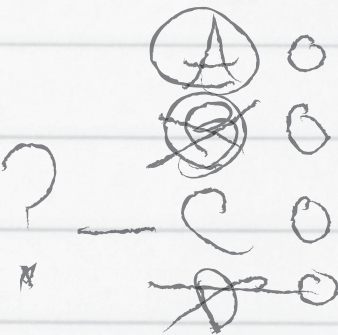
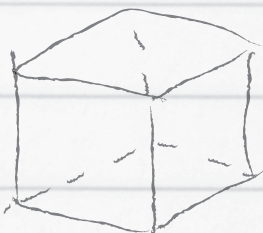
Don't be afraid to sit down with a professor. Most professors want to help and want students to succeed. Don't be afraid to go to their office hours or to ask about problems, the final or the possibility of doing extra credit work.



Get some sleep. Brains commit facts to memory during sleep. While spending 14 hours holed up in Thomas Cooper cramming for chemistry might seem like a great idea at the time, it can actually be detrimental to your ability to remember information once it's time to take the test. It's better to walk into a final rested and ready to go than bleary-eyed with a venti, triple-shot coffee.



Change up study locations. By studying different information in different places, the brain is better able to remember facts. Local coffee shops like Cool Beans and Drip offer a great environment to review study guides when the Thomas Cooper Library is too crowded.



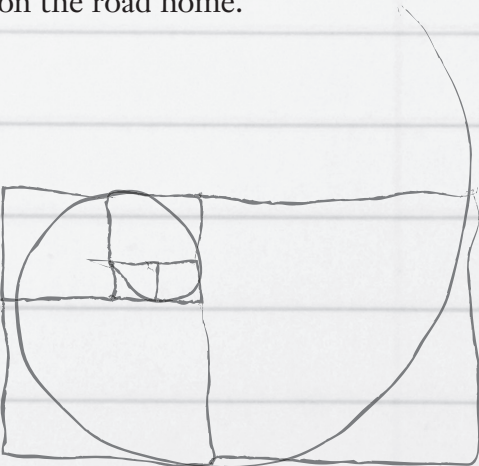
Remember that it's only a test. Even if sometimes it seems like all hope is lost, keep studying, and remember that this is only a test. Diminish the power the exams have over you, and your stress will immediately plummet. Winter break is just around the corner, and this is only a speed bump on the road home.



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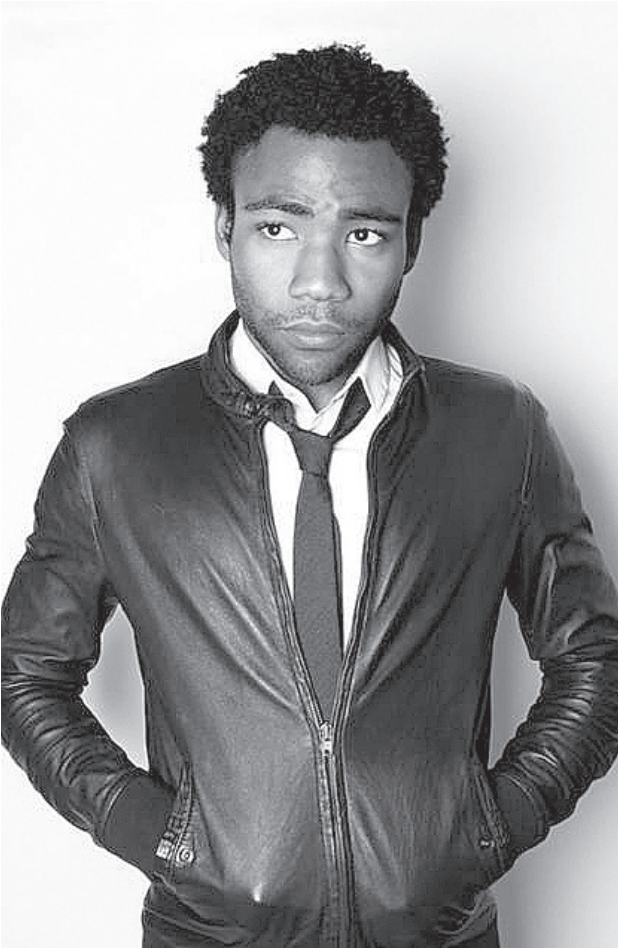
'Because the Internet' shows off new sound

Childish Gambino changes up style, focus on latest album

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Childish Gambino's new album, "Because the Internet," opens with "Crawl," a strangely compelling fusion of harsh beats, soaring vocals, a woozy backdrop and verses that are both energetic and laid back. It almost defies categorization, leaving the question: What kind of album is this going to be? As it turns out, "Crawl" is like the album as a whole: scattered, diverse and deeply enjoyable. Donald Glover has stepped up his game, in both lyrics and production, from past efforts "Camp" and "Royalty." In the past, he's substituted theme for verbal dexterity, punctuating autobiography and braggadocio with clever turns of phrase. On "Because the Internet," which will be released Tuesday, however, he has more on his mind than just himself. Themes of disconnection, loneliness and the search for romantic connection permeate the album. The bouncy "Sweatpants" is the closest thing to classic Gambino on the album. On the other songs, he's heading in new directions, which isn't to say he lacks his old energy; he's just more sparing with it, which lends each earnest moment far more power. Nearly every song on this album works, despite their differences.

The jazzy, laid-back "Shadows" coexists with the energetic marathon that is "The Party," just as the dark, moody "No Exit" lives side-by-side with the chillwave-inspired "Flight of the Navigator." Experimentation suits Gambino well. Making all of these styles work requires technical skill, and Glover steps up to the plate. His rapping on songs like "The Worst Guys" and "The Party" brings to mind Kendrick Lamar's expressiveness, and his singing on "Telegraph Avenue ('Oakland' by Lloyd)" is comparable to Frank Ocean's on "Channel Orange." That isn't to say the album doesn't have its problems. It lacks cohesion by design, a choice that pays off musically but hurts it as an album. The hooks dominate some songs, making them repetitive on close listening, and some of Bino's old punchline rap styling — "gut n***as, so Kurt Vonne," "girl why is you lyin' / girl why you Mufasa" — seem out of place alongside the depth of other verses. Despite these flaws, the album remains vital and enjoyable. "Because the Internet" closes with the song "Life: The Biggest Troll," featuring a trippy beat as Glover philosophizes about how we hide ourselves, lose track of our identities and find ourselves unable to connect with others. Not every song on the album shares the same thoughtfulness, but most do. For anyone involved in the rap game that previously dismissed Glover as a comedian playing at rap or for general music lovers that haven't gotten into his music, this is an album to pick up.



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Childish Gambino will officially release his new album with creative lyrics and stand-out songs on Tuesday.

December releases may be best of year

Star-studded films to dominate box office this month

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‘Inside Llewyn Davis’ (limited release today; wide release Dec. 20)
Joel and Ethan Coen’s bleakly comic film, which won rave reviews at the Cannes Film Festival earlier this year, follows Llewyn Davis (Oscar Isaac) as he tries to make a name for himself in the Greenwich Village folk music scene in the early 1960s. The Coen brothers (“Fargo,” “The Big Lebowski,” “No Country For Old Men”) are two of the greatest filmmakers of the last 30 years. When they have a new film out, serious filmgoers must see it. Carey Mulligan, John Goodman, Justin Timberlake, Adam Driver and F. Murray Abraham co-star in the film.

‘The Unknown Known’ (released Dec. 13 in New York)
Doesn’t watching a documentary with former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld sitting and talking into a camera sound wonderful? Well, it should, knowing that Errol Morris directed it. Morris won an Oscar for Best Documentary for his 2003 film “The Fog of War,” in which he interviewed another former defense secretary, Robert McNamara. Morris has been making devilishly provocative documentaries for 35 years. What he gets out of the perplexing Rumsfeld, whom he describes as having the grin of a Cheshire Cat, should be fascinating. Although it did not make the Oscar shortlist for Best Documentary, its release late in the year should make it eligible for other awards. Many of his previous films are available on Netflix streaming, including “Vernon, Florida,” “The Thin Blue Line” and “Tabloid.”



Courtesy of MCT Campus
Jonah Hill and Leonardo DiCaprio star in one of this month’s celebrity-packed releases.

‘The Wolf of Wall Street’ (wide release Dec. 25)
Leonardo DiCaprio stars in his fifth collaboration with Martin Scorsese (“Gangs of New York,” “The Departed”) as a morally bankrupt Wall Street banker based on the real Jordan Belfort, whose book the film is based on. Matthew McConaughey also stars, continuing his “McConnaissance.” His recent film roles have shown he can do more than just play the shirtless romantic comedy leading man. The film is Scorsese’s longest to date — 165 minutes — and he cut the film to avoid an NC-17 rating. Nothing says “Happy Holidays” like a sex-and-drug-fueled orgy of excess and greed. The film is written by “Boardwalk Empire” creator Terence Winter and features Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler, Jean Dujardin, Margot Robbie, Jon Bernthal, Jon Favreau, Ethan Suplee, Rob Reiner and Spike Jonze.

(voiced by Scarlett Johansson) that is programmed to please him. An interesting note: Johansson is getting Oscar buzz in the Best Supporting Actress category for her performance in the film. If she gets nominated, it will be the first time in Oscar history that someone received a nomination for a solely vocal performance. Amy Adams, Rooney Mara, Olivia Wilde, Chris Pratt, Bill Hader, Kristen Wiig, Brian Cox and Spike Jonze co-star.

‘Labor Day’ (released Dec. 27 in Los Angeles; wide release Jan. 31)
The newest film by Jason Reitman (“Juno,” “Up in the Air”) is his first outright drama. Based on the novel by Joyce Maynard, the film stars Kate Winslet as a single mom who shelters a wounded, escaped convict played by Josh Brolin. The film premiered at the Telluride Film Festival earlier this year to mixed reviews, but Winslet’s performance, as usual, garnered much acclaim. The film is coming out at the very end of the year to qualify for the Academy Awards, but it will most likely receive no nominations. Tobey Maguire, James Van Der Beek and Clark Gregg co-star.

‘Her’ (limited release Dec. 18; wide release Jan. 10)
Love in the modern world is explored in the latest film by Spike Jonze (“Being John Malkovich,” “Where the Wild Things Are,” “Adaptation.”). Joaquin Phoenix plays a socially awkward writer who falls in love with a computer

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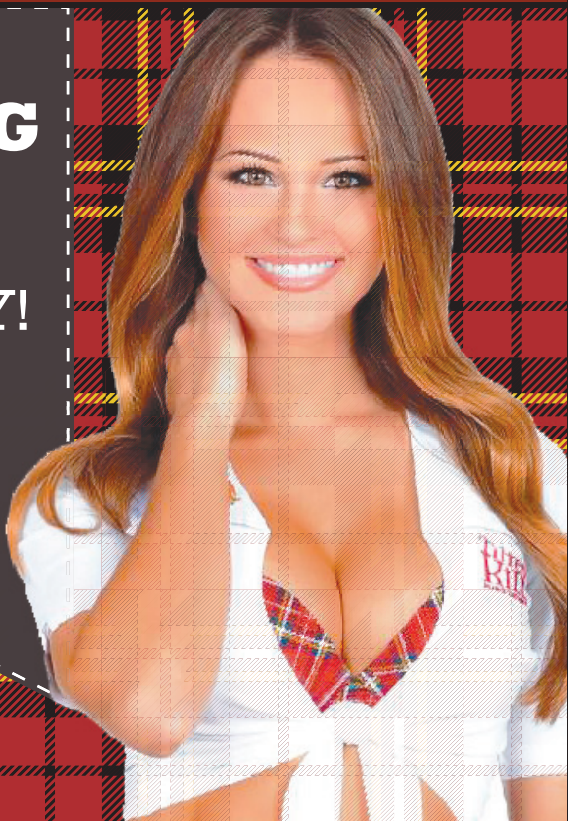
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Get homework completed early, as distractions line your path. Money’s tight. Don’t fall for a trick. Publicity interferes with privacy today and tomorrow. Ask friends to teach you what you don’t know.

Taurus

Building a savings plan is easier over the next three weeks as your influence grows. Keep your eyes open; all’s not as it appears. Circumstances could bring up emotions. Consider all possibilities before taking action. Give thanks.

Gemini

Responsibilities increase. Call ahead to avoid running all over town. Your team helps you make it to the top, within budget. Travel beckons, but take care. Switch up the rhythm. Go with your heart. It’s bonus time.

Cancer

Finish up old business. It may take some wheeling and dealing. Increase efficiency. Others help you extend your influence. Don’t let friends spend your money, though. Stash away the surplus. Accept guidance.

Leo

Offer helpful suggestions. Listen graciously, and with patience. Present only facts, not opinions or embellishments. Be prepared to walk. Today and tomorrow are extra good for compromise. Be willing to give. This allows access to new resources.

Virgo

New questions lead to more research. Work out the details. Rest when you need to. Get a lot done today and tomorrow. An interesting development arises when a secret is revealed. Provide motivation to the team. Reason prevails.

Libra

Help out, and you’ll be richly rewarded. The next two days seem luxuriously lovely. Play the song lightly and enjoy. Gamble some other day. Pull strings to get what you’re after, and apply creative energy. Stash away surplus funds.

Scorpio

Love blossoms in rare and exotic ways. Don’t fall for a sob story. Friends help you advance. Luck favors shrewd business people. Open a conversation again, and clear up a priority disagreement. Discover what’s at the bottom of the dispute.

Sagittarius

Make adjustments to get a perfect picture. You’re in study mode for the next two days. Get your own house in order early. Don’t try a new trick now. Send others on ahead. Acquire an antique.

Capricorn


A friend’s great idea needs work; estimate how much money it’ll take. The pieces of the puzzle are falling into place. Proceed with caution as mistakes get expensive now. Use what you have on hand to alleviate tension.

Aquarius

Develop a creative plan of action. Today and tomorrow hold a personal focus. You gain unexpected insights despite a possible communications breakdown. Cram in an extra job to make extra money. Relax expectations, and the results may surprise you.

Pisces

The pace quickens. You’re getting more creative and sensitive. Resist the urge to fling your emotions around. Get contemplative today and tomorrow. Assign or accept work projects on an intuitive basis. Vivid dreams could fill your journal.



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17 1-Down follower

19 Ad __

20 *Public distribution

21 Subject to debate

22 *2011 NBA finals runner-up

25 Mao follower?

26 Garden purchases

27 A pop

28 “Golly!”

31 *Loose

32 Routes for two-wheelers

36 1962 NASA launch

38 Hairstyle with an appendage of sorts

40 Modern information sources

42 “Java” jazzman

43 *Bond, for one

44 Scratched (out)

45 Hightails it

48 Stephen of “Citizen X”

51 Causes of grins and groans

52 *Champagne, e.g.

53 Wall-mounted safety device

56 Baby carrier

57 Prevailing tendencies

61 72, at Augusta National

62 Door support

63 Time piece?

64 Take a shot

65 Of yore

66 Stage device

7 Went ape

8 Turkish titles

9 Unit of cultural information

10 Fix opening

11 Chevy SUV

12 Group of chicks

13 Doctrinal offshoots

18 “The Book of __”:

2010 film

21 Interview show since 1947 ... and what this puzzle’s starred answers do in two ways

22 Test by lifting

23 Dog-__ page

24 Speedy Amtrak train

26 Relief for a commuter

29 “Take it!”

30 3.0 and 4.0: Abbr.

32 Pig movie

33 Founding member of OPEC

34 17-syllable work

35 Emergency indicator

37 Puts out, in a way

39 Old Fords

41 Adjective for Ripley

45 Won all the games

46 Gag that might explode

47 Explosive

49 Clampett player

50 NYC dance troupe

53 Author Godwin

54 Fruit cover

55 Met excerpt

57 Old reciprocal electrical unit

58 “__ always say ...”

59 Pie material?

60 Reference word

South Carolina readies for Charlotte



Sophomore guard Tiffany Mitchell (25) says the team is not going to overlook the Charlotte 49ers despite opening the season with eight dominant victories.

Gamecocks looking to keep undefeated season alive

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South Carolina gets back into action Sunday against the Charlotte 49ers (4-4) after a six-day break.

Still undefeated on the season with a record of 8-0 and a top-10 ranking in the coaches' poll, the Gamecocks are coming in with a lot of confidence, sporting the nation's third-best scoring defense and the SEC's second-most efficient scoring offense.

The 49ers, on the other hand, have struggled so far this season, particularly on offense; they rank among the NCAA's worst in scoring.

However, they've been a tough team at home, and coach Dawn Staley said she believes the 49ers are going to come out ready to play.

"They're going to challenge us. They do play well at home. They're pretty quick and athletic," Staley said. "I think a lot of their strengths are our strengths."

Looking to extend the team's flawless record, sophomore Tiffany Mitchell, like her coach, seemed determined to make sure the team doesn't get complacent.

"No, I don't think we would let that happen and get a big head," Mitchell said. "It really is just a number, and at the end of the day, we still have to play the game."

This game also carries special meaning for Staley, who was born and raised in Charlotte; she said she's looking forward to going home.

"Yeah, I'm excited, getting to play in front of a lot of family that haven't seen me play in a long time, so it'll be cool," Staley said.

The Gamecocks' defensive effort this year has been superb, especially on the interior, which is anchored by prized recruit Alaina Coates, who is third among freshman in the SEC in scoring. Juniors Elem Ibiam and Aleighsa Welch have also combined for 22.8 rebounds per game and 40 blocks on the young season.

Staley, though, said she is cautiously optimistic about their success so far.

"I don't think we've really been tested in a lot of ways to see where it stands ... for the most part we've been holding serve on that side of the ball," Staley said.

The Gamecocks only have one active senior on their entire roster, with most of the work being done by underclassmen, who account for over 97 percent of the team's scoring output.

The young players have yet to make a whole lot of mistakes either, with a 1.6 assist-to-turnover ratio, which is good enough for sixth best in the country.

But Staley said she still sees room for improvement.

"I think we need to keep continuing to get better pounding the ball inside against teams that play zone," Staley said.

In fact, Staley pointed to Ibiam as the most crucial part of their offense but offered a critique; Staley's looking for her to become a more dominant post presence.

"I think El has got to get a little bit better with holding her man off. We've got to get better at giving her the ball in those situations, because she hasn't really performed, looking at her stat line," Staley said. "She's got to give us a little more in that department, because I know she's capable."

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